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**STATE OF MICHIGAN'S
2008 SUMMER FREE FISHING WEEKEND LIST OF EVENTS
SATURDAY JUNE 7th AND SUNDAY JUNE 8th
NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED, ALL FISHING REGULATIONS STILL APPLY.**

National Boating and Fishing Week is June 1-8. Look on the "Take Me Fishing" website at www.takemefishing.org for additional activities not only in Michigan, but other states as well.

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Allegan County Lake Allegan Echo Point Access Site	June 7	9:00am – 5:00pm	Larry DeLong 269-966-3513 or Steve Norton – MI Dept of Environmental Quality 269-567-3573	No pre-registration. Free carp derby for all ages, kids through adults. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Spear and bow anglers are also invited. Prizes will be awarded and educational materials will be available.
Baraga County L'Anse Waterfront Park Across the bay from the State Park	June 7	Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament from 5:00am – 4:00pm DNR Free Fishing Pond for Kids from Noon – 5:00pm.	Dan Dowdy or Kelly Mathes Baraga State Park 906-353-6558 Tracey Barrett Baraga County Tourist and Recreation Assoc. 1-800-743-4908 Steve Koski 906-524-6518	The Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament will run from 5:00am until 4:00pm. <u>Must pre-register, limited to the first 100 boats.</u> The DNR kids fishing event will allow kids to catch and keep rainbow trout. All fishing equipment and bait will be furnished. Additional activities for the entire family will include kid's games, music, lake trout and salmon cook-off, and food throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the fishing tournament. Visit the festival website at: www.Laketroutfestival.com

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Bay County Bay City State Rec. Area, Saginaw Bay Visitor Center	June 7	9:00am – 3:00pm	Valerie Blaschka Michigan Department of Natural Resources 989-667-1894	Free family fishing derby, kids casting contest, fishing clinic, fly fishing workshop, minnow races and more for all ages. Bait and fishing poles will be provided. Refreshments are included. A free raffle will be held to give away 100 fishing poles.
Branch County Rotary Park in Coldwater	June 7	8:00am – 1:00pm	Tammie Vaughn 517-278-8947	Take-A-Kid-Fishing Event for kids 3 to 17 years of age. Due to the lack of volunteers to help with this event, all the kids must be accompanied by a parent or adult. If you came last year and received a fishing pole or life jacket, please bring them with you this year.
Cheboygan Banks of the Cheboygan River, behind the Cheboygan DNR Field Office	June 7	9:00am – Noon	Gail Cook Cheboygan DNR Field Office 231-627-9578	4th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament for children ages 16 and under accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing poles, tackle and life jackets. Bait will be furnished and limited fishing equipment will be available. Kids will get to talk to a Conservation Officer and visit with Smokey the Bear. Prizes will be awarded. Lunch and refreshments are included.
Chippewa County Community of Kincheloe Dukes Lake	June 7	9:00am – 3:00pm	Denise Frasure Kinross Recreation Center 906-495-5350	Free fishing fun day for children ages 14 and under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait (limited fishing equipment available). Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available.
Chippewa County DeTour State Harbor Marina Parking Lot	June 8	10:00am – 4:00pm	DNR – Newberry Parks & Recreation Field Office Jim Hooker 906-293-5131 (ext 4021)	Fishing Tackle Swap Meet to celebrate Free Fishing Weekend and Project Go-Get Outdoors. See old lures, rods, reels, decoys, spears, license, patches, motors, photos, books, and artwork, anything related to fishing. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

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Delta County Camp Seven Lakes Campground near Manistique	June 7	11:00am – 3:00pm	U. S. Forest Service Brenda Madden 906-341-5666 (ext 17) Vern St. John 906-341-5666 (ext 28) Gary Olson 906-474-6442 (ext 121)	17th Annual Kids Fishing Day with free fishing for kids 16 years and younger accompanied by an adult. Registration and activities start at 11:00am. There will be two trout ponds and a casting contest at 1:00pm. Kids will get a chance to visit with Smokey the Bear and raffle prizes will be handed out throughout the day. Free refreshments will be served.
Eaton County Delta Township Sharp Park	June 7	7:30am – 11:00am Register 7:30 – 10.00 Fishing 8:00 – 11:00	Delta Twp. Parks and Recreation 517-323-8555	Free fishing derby for kid ages 2 to 15, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Participation awards included. Food-Bank donations are welcomed. A new feature this year will be a Kids to Kids Garage Sale which will run from 9:30am until 12:00 noon.
Emmet County Oden State Fish Hatchery Alanson, MI	June 7	8:00am – 12:00pm	Oden State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center 231-348-0998	There will be catch and release fishing on Saturday only from 8:00 – 10:00am. Poles and bait will be provided. Hatchery tours will be available on Saturday at 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00pm. Be sure to check out the train car museum and the stream viewing chamber.
Gratiot County St. Louis Lappien Park	June 7	8:30am – Noon	Joe Sholtz Middle of Mitten Assoc. 989-681-5378	10 th Annual St. Louis Free Fishing Derby for all ages. <u>Registration starts at 8:00am and all entrants must check in at Leppien Park prior to fishing for derby rules and back tag.</u> Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait if you have it. Prizes for biggest fish and most fish caught. Refreshments will be provided. Call or visit the web site at www.stlouismi.com

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Ingham County Central Park Pond – near Historical Village	June 7	9:00am – Noon	Greg Grothous Meridian Township Parks and Recreation 517-853-4616	Free fishing fun day for kids 5 to 17 years of age, accompanied by an adult. Not only will the kids be able to fish, but will also be able to test their fishing skill and knowledge. Please bring your own fishing pole and bait, as only a limited supply of each will be available. Prizes will be awarded.
Iron County Iron River Ottawa Lake Campground	June 8	7:30 – 11:00am	U.S. Forest Service 906-265-5139	Free fishing derby, casting contest, minnow races, fish identification contest and big fish contest for kids ages 15 and under, accompanied by an adult. Registration begins at 7:00am and the fishing derby begins at 8:00am. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, refreshments and educational displays are included.
Livingston County Brighton Mill Pond	June 7	7:30am – 11:00am	Scot Karevich Brighton Optimist Club 810-225-2012	Fishing derby for kids ages 16 and under accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. There will be a casting contest and Fishing-Pro's will give lessons, tips and demonstrations. Prizes and refreshments included.
Macomb County Wolcott Mill Historical Center North Branch of the Clinton River	June 7	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Kathy Reidt Historical Center 586-749-5997	Fishing clinic for all, children need to be accompanied by an adult. Fishing poles and bait will be provided. There will be fish identification, water quality awareness, tackle making, knot tying, casting techniques, boater safety and a fly tying demonstration. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

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Macomb County Clinton Township Civic Pond Crooked Lake Family events and volunteer opportunities all across the watershed	June 7	8:00am – 4:00pm	Clinton Township 586-723-8078 Independence Oaks Park Kathy Thomas 248-625-6473	There will also be a fishing derby at the Clinton Township Civic Pond from 10:00am until 1:00pm for kids 16 years of age and younger. Prizes will be awarded and the fish will be released back into the pond. <u>Pre-registration is required, so call Clinton Township.</u> Independence Oaks County Park will host fishing and instruction at Crooked Lake from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Poles and bait will be provided. See a complete listing of Clinton River Watershed Council events including River Day 2008 at www.crwc.org .
Marquette County Warner Creek at the Richmond Twp. Community Club	June 7	7:30am – 2:00pm	Richmond Twp. Community Club 906-475-4725 or Theresa Mauldin 906-228-7494	20th Annual Fishing Derby for kids 16 years of age and younger accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Breakfast and registration will begin at 7:30am; all anglers must be registered by 11:00am. The fishing derby will run from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Lunch will also be provided and prizes will be awarded.
Mecosta County River Walk at Hemlock Park, Big Rapids Mich.	June 7	9:00am – 1:00pm	Connie Koepke Big Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau 1-888-229-4386	Family fishing day for all ages. There will be an \$8.00 entry fee with all the proceeds going to the "Make A Wish Foundation". Please bring your own fishing pole, bait will be provided. There will be a clown, face painting, educational materials, and free T-shirt to the first 50 participants.

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Newaygo County Nichols Lake Campground	June 7	8:30am – Noon	U.S. Forest Service 231-745-4631 Tom Walter (ext 3105) & Jim Klein (ext 3126)	Free fishing fun day for kids ages 17 and under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, educational material and refreshments included.
Oakland County Riverside Park Auburn Hills	June 7		Riverside Park Shawn Keenan 248-391-3777	5 th Annual Kids Fishing Derby from 7:30am until 11:00am. Kids 16 years of age and under can fish for trout and compete for prizes. See a list of family events and volunteer opportunities 2008 all across the watershed for River Day 2008 at the Clinton River Watershed Council web site: www.crwcc.org
Ontonagon County Ontonagon Marina	June 7	9:00am – 2:00pm	Dave Dillman U.S. Forest Service 906-884-2411	Free fishing derby, casting contest, big fish contest, and fish identification contests for kids ages 15 & under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, gift bags and educational displays are included. Fyke net demonstration at 12:00 noon.
Saginaw County Ojibway Island	June 7	8:00am – 10:00am Registration at 7:30am	Becky Goche U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 989-759-1669	Free fishing derby for kids ages 3 to 15, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes will be included. The first 400 kids will get a bag of goodies and a coupon for snacks.

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St. Clair County Port Huron Township W.P. Thompson Pond on 40 th Street	June 7	10:00am – 3:00pm	Port Huron Charter Twp. 810-987-6600	21 st Annual Free Lite Line Classic Fishing Clinic and Zebco Casting Contest for kids 16 and under. Join in for the Senior Fishing Festival. Fishing poles, tackle and bait will be available for both kids and seniors. Both fishing piers are handicap accessible with safety rails. Lunch will be provided. Parking at Baker College.
St. Clair County County River Day	June 7	Times will vary, depending on location. Please call for more details	Sheri Faust St. Clair County Health Department 810-987-5306 Email address: riverday@stclaircounty.org	Celebrate St. Clair County's rivers, lakes and bays, featuring outdoor activities occurring simultaneously throughout St. Clair County for the whole family. Activities include river clean ups, fishing derbies, canoeing, tours, seminars and more. Activities will be held in Yale, Port Huron, Fort Gratiot, St. Clair, Marine City and Algonac. All events are free and kids under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Additional information on our website at www.stclaircountystormwater.org .
Van Buren County Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery – Mattawan MI	June 7	10:00am – 3:00pm	Shana McMillan Interpreter - DNR Visitors Center (269) 668-2876	Catch and release fishing for kids ages 5 to 16. Programs will be offered at 10:30am and 11:30am. <u>Pre-registration is required, so please call ahead to reserve a spot.</u> Equipment and bait will be provided. Hatchery tours will also be available.
Wayne County Willow Metro Park - Washago Pond	June 7	11:00am – 2:00pm	Oakwood Metro Park 1-800-477-3182	Fishing clinic for kids ages 4 to 12 accompanied by an adult. <u>Must pre-register by calling 1-800-477-3182.</u> Bring your own fishing pole if you can. Bait will be provided along with a limited number of fishing poles.

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Wexford County Crystal Lake in Wellston	June 7	10:00am – Noon	Kurt Visser U.S. Forest Service 231-723-2211 ext 3122 Roberta Brown Wellston Boosters Assoc. 231-848-7172	Free fishing derby for kids ages 2 to 16 accompanied by an adult. Registration begins at 9:00am and the derby runs from 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. There will be a casting contest and Smokey the Bear will visit with the kids. Prizes and refreshments are included.
Wexford County Mitchell State Park Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center	June 7	9:00am – 4:00pm	Rick Torres Michigan Department of Natural Resources 231-779-1321	Family fishing contest from 9:00am until 3:30pm. <u>Participants must register in person at the Center by Noon, and fish caught must be checked in at the Center prior to 3:30pm.</u> Prizes will be awarded at the Center at 4:00pm in the classroom. Eligible candidates must be present to receive a prize. A limited number of fishing poles, tackle, and bait will be available at the front desk. Refreshments will be served. Other activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pellet Gun Range / 10:00 – Noon. • Archery Range / Noon – 2:00pm. • Fishing Simulations / Noon – 3:00pm. • A Trophy Fish Display • A Float Fishing Program / 6-8pm in the Centers Lobby. Bait and tackle provided. • Fishing videos TBA